

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 9-14, 17, 18, and 22, and add new claim 23 as follows.

Listing of Claims

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A connector comprising:

contact members ~~having~~ comprising elastically deformable points of contact formed in two locations, wherein the contact members have a first leg, a second leg, and an intermediate leg interconnecting an end of the first leg to an end of the second leg such that the contact members, when viewed lying in a plane, have an S-shape, with one of the locations on the first leg and the other one of the locations on the second leg, with the points of contact facing away from one another in opposite directions;

and a main connector body for insulating and holding a plurality of contact members arranged at intervals in a width direction with said points of contact in the two locations of the respective contact members being in the same positions as seen in the direction of arrangement,

wherein said main connector body includes a pair of socket portions for receiving board ends defining land electrodes in two rows corresponding to said points of contact of the respective contact members lying in the same positions as seen in the direction of arrangement, so that the land electrodes are in pressure contact with the corresponding points of contact.

10. (Currently Amended) The connector as defined in claim 9, wherein ~~space of said contact members are formed in an S-shape as seen in the direction of arrangement, and are held in a middle part of the S-shape by~~ between the first leg and the intermediate leg receives a guide of said main connector body to mount said contacts in the connector body, with said points of contact ~~being formed in end regions of the S-shape~~ extending in the same direction in which said board ends are inserted for pressure contact.

11. (Currently Amended) The connector as defined in claim 9, wherein said pair of socket portions are formed in two opposite surfaces of said main connector body and offset from one another to receive said board ends inserted in opposite directions.

12. (Currently Amended) The connector as defined in claim 10, wherein said main connector body comprises a first side, an opposite second side, a top side, and a bottom side, with one of said pair of socket portions are formed in two opposite surfaces of said main connector body in the first side adjacent the top side and the other one of said socket portions in the second side adjacent the bottom side to receive said board ends inserted in opposite directions.

13. (Currently Amended) The connector as defined in claim 9, wherein:
said main connector body includes partition walls for defining a plurality of divisions for individually accommodating said contact members, and guides for guiding engaging the space between the first leg and the intermediate leg of the contact member to guide said contact members to be accommodated in into said divisions to positions to attain said arrangement; and

said contact members define guided portions to be guided by said guides, and comprising held portions for press fitting with said partition walls in time of guidance into said divisions.

14. (Currently Amended) The connector as defined in claim 10, wherein:
said main connector body includes partition walls for defining a plurality of divisions for individually accommodating said contact members, and the guides for guiding said contact members to be accommodated in said divisions to positions to attain said arrangement; and

said intermediate leg of said contact members define guided portions to be guided by said guides, and held portions further comprising tapered portions formed on side surfaces for press fitting with said partition walls in time of guidance into said divisions.

15. (Previously Presented) The connector as defined in claim 9, wherein said contact members are arranged in a plurality of rows with a gap in the directions of insertion of said board ends into said socket portions.

16. (Previously Presented) The connector as defined in claim 15, wherein the positions of said points of contact in the respective rows of said contact members are staggered between the rows.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The connector as defined in claim 15, A~~
connector comprising contact members having elastically deformable points of contact formed in two locations, and a main connector body for insulating and holding a plurality of contact members arranged at intervals in a width direction with said points of contact in the two locations of the respective contact members being in the same positions as seen in the direction of arrangement,

wherein said main connector body includes a pair of socket portions for receiving board ends defining land electrodes in two rows corresponding to said points of contact of the respective contact members lying in the same positions as seen in the direction of arrangement, so that the land electrodes are in pressure contact with the corresponding points of contact,

wherein said contact members are arranged in a plurality of rows with a gap in the directions of insertion of said board ends into said socket portions, and

wherein said points of contact in the two locations are different in shape from each other, and are formed in positions of rotation symmetry through 180 degrees about the middle part of each of said contact members, said contact members being arranged in two rows, with postures of the contact members in the respective rows being reversed by 180 degrees between the rows.

18. (Currently Amended) The connector as defined in claim 10, wherein said main connector body comprises a top side and an opposite bottom side, wherein said contact members are arranged in a plurality of first and second rows with a gap in the directions of insertion of said board ends into said socket portions, and wherein the first leg

of the contact member of the first row is biased toward the top side and the first leg of the contact member of the second row is biased toward the second side.

19. (Previously Presented) The connector as defined in claim 18, wherein the positions of said points of contact in the respective rows of said contact members are staggered between the rows.

20. (Previously Presented) The connector as defined in claim 18, wherein said points of contact in the two locations are different in shape from each other, and are formed in positions of rotation symmetry through 180 degrees about the middle part of each of said contact members, said contact members being arranged in two rows, with postures of the contact members in the respective rows being reversed by 180 degrees between the rows.

21. (Previously Presented) The connector as defined in claim 9, wherein said main connector body includes retainers for pressing on and holding said board ends inserted in said socket portions.

22. (Currently Amended) The connector as defined in claim 10, wherein said main connector body includes retainers for pressing on and holding side portions of said board ends to hold said board ends when inserted in said socket portions.

23. (New) The connector as defined in claim 17, wherein said contact members are formed in an S-shape as seen in the direction of arrangement, and are held in a middle part of the S-shape by said main connector body, with said points of contact being formed in end regions of the S-shape extending in the same direction in which said board ends are inserted for pressure contact.